

AMENDED CLAIMS

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originally filed claims 1 to 20 have been replaced by claims 1 to 19]

5 1. Profiled bar intended for fixing to the top side
of a window, door or the like, which bar comprises:
 an internal, preferably prismatic first cavity for
accommodating a raising mechanism for raising cords for
a variable covering for the window, door or the like,
10 such as a roller blind, a pleated blind or the like,
which internal cavity is accessible from outside via
continuous holes in the bar for passage of at least one
control cord and at least two cords which are or can be
connected for driving to the underside of the covering,
15 for instance a substantially rigid beam connected to the
lower edge of the covering;

 at least one prismatic second cavity which extends
in the longitudinal direction of the bar and which
debouches via a constriction onto the outside of the
20 bar, which second cavity serves to receive the upper
edge of the covering, which is embodied such that it
fits into this second cavity but is too wide to pass
through the constriction; and

 two mutually coupled profiles which together bound
25 the first cavity, in at least one of which profiles said
holes are present;

 characterized in that

 the two profiles are mirror-symmetrical.

30 2. Profiled bar as claimed in claim 1, wherein the
two profiles consist of wood or a wood-like material.

 3. Profiled bar as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein
the two profiles are prismatic.

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 4. Profiled bar as claimed in any of the foregoing
claims, wherein both ends of the bar have openings which
connect onto the first cavity and which are each closed
by a plug.

5. Profiled bar as claimed in claim 4, wherein the plugs consist of the same material as the two profiles.

5 6. Profiled bar as claimed in any of the foregoing claims, wherein the bar has continuous holes through which fastening screws can be placed to fasten the bar to the top part of a window, door or the like.

10 7. Profiled bar as claimed in any of the foregoing claims, wherein the two profiles are identical.

15 8. Profiled bar as claimed in any of the foregoing claims, wherein the two profiles are mutually coupled in the plane of symmetry extending through the prismatic second cavities.

20 9. Profiled bar as claimed in any of the foregoing claims, wherein the edges of the holes are rounded.

10. Profiled bar as claimed in any of the foregoing claims, wherein the profiles are connected non-releasably to each other, for instance by glueing.

25 11. Profiled bar as claimed in any of the foregoing claims, wherein the raising mechanism comprises:

 a drive roller onto which the control cord engages for rotating driving thereof; and

30 a number of wind-up rollers for the raising cords which are connected to this drive roller, for instance are arranged on the same shaft therewith.

12. Profiled bar as claimed in any of the foregoing claims, wherein the raising mechanism comprises:

35 guide means for the raising cords which are also the control cords;

 wherein each of the cords is connected with a fixed end to the bar, extends downward and is trained through 180° round the upward windable or at least partially lower zone of the covering, extends upward again, enters
40 the first cavity via a raising cord hole, extends

herein in substantially horizontal direction, leaves the cavity once again via a control cord hole and extends downward therefrom in vertical direction.

5 13. Profiled bar as claimed in any of the foregoing claims, wherein the two profiles consist of a transparent material, for instance a plastic such as acryl, polycarbonate or plexiglass.

10 14. Profiled bar as claimed in any of the foregoing claims, wherein the two profiles consist of a metal, for instance aluminium.

15 15. Profiled bar as claimed in any of the foregoing claims, wherein the two profiles consist of an opaque plastic, for instance PVC, PP or PE.

20 16. Profiled bar as claimed in claim 3, wherein the two profiles are each manufactured by extrusion.

25 17. Profiled bar as claimed in any of the foregoing claims, wherein at least one of the two profiles is provided with a mounting profile, via which the relevant part can be fixed to the building structure.

 18. Profiled bar as claimed in claim 17, wherein the mounting profile takes a prismatic form.

30 19. Profiled bar as claimed in claim 18, wherein the mounting profile is manufactured by extrusion.